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MEMORANDUM FOR Heads of Contracting Offices

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SUBJECT: Amendment 1 to PM 2002-01 - Importance of Information
Technology Security to Acquisition

As provided in PM 2002-01 dated October 10, 2002, the Department is focused on increasing awareness regarding the importance of Information Technology Security (IT) to acquisition and safeguarding sensitive information in federal procurements.

On January 23, 2003, the Department's Chief Information Officer (CIO) issued a memorandum announcing the issuance of the *Department of Commerce IT Security Program Policy and Minimum Implementation Standards*. The policy contains "embedded links" to web documents that are available only with the on-line electronic version of the policy, which is available at <http://home.commerce.gov/DOC-IT-Security-Program-Policy.htm>.

This policy establishes the foundation of comprehensive rules and practices that regulate access to and protection of DOC's IT systems and the information processed, stored, and transmitted to them.

Be advised that the *Department of Commerce IT Security Program Policy and Minimum Implementation Standards* is an additional resource available to you and your customers address IT security issues. Please be sure to disseminate this new resource to your staff.

If you have any questions, please refer them to Dao Vissering (202) 482-4185.

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